

## **New CPJE Testing Company Selected**

The Department of Consumer Affairs has selected a new company to administer professional licensing exams. The Board of Pharmacy will use this new company to give the California Pharmacist Jurisprudence Examination (CPJE) beginning June 1, 2007.

Please review the following information - - it will affect how individuals will take the CPJE in the future.

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The Board of Pharmacy (board) currently uses Thomson Prometric (Thomson) to administer the California Pharmacist Jurisprudence Exam (CPJE). This will not in any way affect the NAPLEX.

Effective June 1, 2007: Psychological Services, LLC. (PSI) will provide testing services for the CPJE. (Thomson will no longer be available to test pharmacist candidates for the CPJE).

While the board does not anticipate that this change in companies will affect candidates and their ability to take the CPJE, there is always the possibility of a delay in contract implementation that could cause a delay in the candidates' ability to take the CPJE. The board is taking every measure to minimize the effect on the candidates. Candidates should also be aware that the board also anticipates a quality assurance assessment to begin on June 1, 2007 (this is when exam scores are held until the review is complete).

As information becomes available about how to schedule the CPJE with PSI, the board will notify candidates, post information on the board's Web site and issue subscriber alerts.

The board will do everything in its power to make this transition as seamless as possible for the candidates.

### **BASIC INFORMATION:**

- If you want to take the CPJE on or before May 31, 2007:  
Make certain that once you are made eligible by the board to take the CPJE, you schedule your exam time with Thompson (and that you schedule the exam before May 31, 2007). If you are currently eligible but have not yet made your appointment to take the CPJE, please schedule it now. You will need to take it on or before May 31, 2007, if you wish to test at a Thomson test center.

- If you want to take the CPJE on or after June 1, 2007:  
The board will provide instructions with its on-line application about how to indicate when you wish to take the CPJE (see below). Once the board receives information about how to make appointments with PSI, the board will advise you. However, recognize that:
  - Unforeseen implementation issues may delay your ability to take the CPJE until the contract matters are resolved with PSI
  - PSI may have higher test-taking fees or have entirely different testing locations
  - The board will likely institute a quality assurance review with the new exam testing company, which will delay the release of your results until approximately 400 individuals take the exam.

If you are already qualified with Thompson to take the exam, please schedule your appointment as soon as possible. If you are unable to schedule an appointment with Thompson before June 1, 2007, there will be a refund or transfer procedure for your \$40 CPJE fees. Information regarding refunds or transfers will be posted when available.

The Department of Consumer Affairs advises candidates eligible on and after May 1, 2007, may need to wait for PSI to take over testing duties for the CPJE. Candidates will be required to select to one of the following to take the CPJE:

- Option #1: I wish to take the CPJE with PSI after June 1, 2007. I recognize that I may take the NAPLEX, and the board will allow me one year from the date the CPJE is available from PSI to take the CPJE.
- Option #2: I wish to be made eligible to take the CPJE through Thomson before or up to May 1, 2007, and will take the CPJE with Thomson before to May 31, 2007.